
HO56 - Gollers Court (A.K.A. Gollars Court)



House

Location

1366-1496 Melton Hwy PLUMPTON, Melton Shire

Municipality

MELTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO56

Heritage Listing

Melton City

Statement of Significance

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Gollers Court at 1366-1496 Melton Hwy, Plumpton , is significant as an unusual example of a transitional Late Victorian/Federation styled house with concrete wall construction. Built c.1906-11, the property also has a remnant concrete tank with construction similar to the rear later skillion wing of the house. Gollers Court was burnt in a fire in 2008 and so is now in a ruinous state. It is also significant as a representative example of the farmhouses built as a result of the break up of the Clarke Rockbank estate, a watershed in the history of the Shire of Melton.

Gollers Court at 1366 Keilor-Melton Highway is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC. D.2). It demonstrates original design qualities of a transitional Late Victorian and Federation style. These qualities include the broad gambrel roof form, together with the shallow concave verandah that projects towards the front and the skillion wing at the rear. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the single storey height, symmetrical composition, camerated concrete or reinforced concrete wall construction (including internal walls), two tapered roughcast chimneys with terra cotta pots, modest eaves, turned timber verandah posts, decorative cast iron verandah brackets, smooth-rusticated quoinwork, and the concrete window sills.

Gollers Court at 1366 Keilor-Melton Highway is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4) as one of the most distinctive, intact and prominently situated remaining examples of the many small to medium sized farm homesteads built in the Melton Shire the early twentieth century, which are expressive of both the historic 'break-up' of the large pastoral properties in that era, in particular the massive Clarke Rockbank estate, a turning point in the history of the Shire of Melton, and also of the new farming prosperity in that period. The place is also significant for its commemoration of the part of EV Goller, and other small investors/graziers who were acquired property in Melton Shire during that period.

Gollers Court at 1366 Keilor-Melton Highway is scientifically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC F.1). It illustrates a form of unusual camerated and/or reinforced concrete wall construction for a domestic building of the very early twentieth century and is of importance for contributing to an understanding of concrete technology of that era.

Overall, Gollers Court at 1366 Keilor-Melton Highway is of LOCAL significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007;
Construction dates	1906,
Other Names	1366-1496 Melton Hwy, Plumpton,
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Physical Description 1

Physical Description -

Gollers Court, 1366-1496 Melton Hwy, Plumpton , is set on a rural allotment with grassed areas, small rudimentary plantings and mature eucalypts mainly at the rear and sides. The house has a sizeable front setback and the front is bound by a simple timber post and rail and wire fence, approximately 1200 mm high. At the rear of the house is an early shed in poor condition and a ruinous circular tank construction of concrete block with horizontal metal and vertical cement reinforcing.

The symmetrical, single storey, solid or reinforced concrete, transitional Late Victorian and Federation styled house is characterised by a broad gambrel roof form, together with a shallow concave verandah that projects towards the front. A later skillion addition is situated at the rear. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Two early tapered, roughcast chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the front verandah. It is supported by turned timber posts and has early decorative cast iron brackets.

Other early features of the design include the projecting smooth-rusticated quoinwork at the building corners and about the window and door openings, and the concrete window sills.

Architecturally, the house's transitional Late Victorian and Federation style suggests a construction date of c.1900-1910.

The property was extensively damaged by a fire in 2007.

Integrity

Integrity - Damaged by fire

Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Ruinous due to fire in 2007

Historical Australian Themes

Melton Historical Themes: 'Pastoral', 'Farming'

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